## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 – 10 (withdrawn)

11. (currently amended) A fluid level verification apparatus for a fluid container, the apparatus comprising:

a tubular sight member defining a conduit and having oppositely disposed ends;

a shield member adapted to receive the tubular sight member having a cylindrical bore;

a pair of longitudinally spaced apart end members each having hollow interiors, the respective end members each having a cylindrical projection extending therefrom in facing and axially aligned relationship with said sight member;

each of said projections having an axial through bore communicating with the hollow interior of a corresponding end member and further including a circumferential surface exteriorly thereof; and

said shield member including an indentation internally in secured relationship with said end ~~blocks~~ members onto said shield member, said indention forming a detention in said shield member at said bore.

12. (original) The fluid level verification apparatus of claim 11 further including a sealing means positioned between said shield member and each said respective end member.

13. (original) The fluid level verification apparatus of claim 11 further including a fastening means connecting at least one of said end members to said fluid container for mounting the apparatus.

14. (currently amended) The fluid level verification apparatus of claim 13 wherein said hollow fastening means ~~comprising~~ comprises a headed bolt extending in fore and aft direction through the hollow end member.

15. (currently amended) The fluid level verification apparatus of claim 14 wherein said sealing means ~~surrounding~~ surrounds the bolt at the front and rear of the end member to seal the member against the bolt head and tank respectively.

16. (original) The fluid level verification apparatus of claim 11 wherein a thermometer is located within the conduit of said tubular sight member.

Claims 17 – 19 (withdrawn)

20. (new) The fluid level verification apparatus of claim 11 wherein said tubular sight member comprises an inner diameter, each of said end member cylindrical projections being coaxially and radially spaced with relation to said inner diameter of said tubular sight member.

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21. (new) The fluid level verification apparatus of claim 11 wherein said exterior surfaces of said cylindrical projections are tapered outwardly from a respective end member and in a direction toward said sight member, said tapered exterior surface in a mating relationship with said detention in said shield member.